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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA
SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 24 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4208th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Women and peace and security

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Friday, 27 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. A Non-Paper by the President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Millennium Declaration has been circulated to all Member States. (Additional copies of the Non-Paper are available in room S-2925).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 22nd meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development [95]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.6

2. Globalization and interdependence [100] (A/55/381, A/55/75-E/2000/55, A/55/74, A/55/133-S/2000/682, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/157-E/2000/101, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/55/260-E/2000/108, A/55/309, A/55/310, A/55/375, A/55/473*)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 23rd meeting — Conference Room 2

Globalization and interdependence [100] (A/55/381,* A/55/75-E/2000/55, A/55/74, A/55/133-S/2000/682, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/157-E/2000/101, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/55/260-E/2000/108, A/55/309, A/55/310, A/55/375, A/55/473*)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 32nd meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.24

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.22 and L.23

3. Human rights questions [114] (A/55/3, A/55/280/Add.1 and 2, A/55/296/Add.1, A/55/133-S/2000/682, A/55-309, A/55/310, A/55/375, A/55/473*, A/C.3/55/4)

   (a) Implementation of human rights instruments (A/55/40 (Suppl. No. 40), A/55/44 (Suppl. No. 44), A/55/178, A/55/204, A/55/205, A/55/206 and A/54/805, A/55/207, A/55/208 A/55/278, A/55/290, A/55/313, A/55/438-S/2000/921)

   Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 33rd meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)] (A/55/177, A/55/213 and Add.1, A/55/214 and Add.1, A/55/275 and Add.1, A/55/279, A/55/280 and Add.1 and 2, A/55/283, A/55/288, A/55/289, A/55/291, A/55/292, A/55/296 and Add.1, A/55/302, A/55/306, A/55/328, A/55/342*, A/55/360*, A/55/395-S/2000/880, A/55/404-S/2000/889, A/55/408 and A/C.3/55/2)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)] (A/55/269, A/55/282-S/2000/788, A/55/294, A/55/318, A/55/335, A/55/346, A/55/358, A/55/359, A/55/363, A/55/374, A/55/400, A/55/403 and A/55/426-S/2000/913)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [114 (d)] (A/55/36 and A/55/438-S/2000/93)

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [114 (e)] (A/55/36 (Suppl. No. 36))

   Introductory statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

   Dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights

   Introductory statements by:

   Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan

   Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

   Dialogue with the Special Rapporteurs

* To be issued.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: Letters dated 17 July and 26 September 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2 and A/C.5/55/12))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159] (A/55/10)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 24 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 24 October 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(agenda item 94 (c) (Cultural development))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on INSTRAW)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on human settlements; biological diversity; climate change; Rio+10 review; and water)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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There will be meetings of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 24 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6. p.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of Legal Advisers *today*, 24 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "E-Commerce and Sustainable Development", organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 24 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations for interested delegations and possible co-sponsors on a draft resolution under agenda item 173 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Germany, will be held *today*, 24 October 2000, at 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 25 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 39th plenary meeting Conference Room 1

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/98) [29]

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee [22]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/221);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.12)

3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/312/Add.1) [8]

4. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/55/L.15) [174]

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Agenda item 34 (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Copies of the two draft resolutions under agenda item 34 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are available in room DC2-0461 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers on agenda item 34 are kindly requested to contact the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services (room S-3001H; tel.: (212) 963-5063).

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee will hold its 15th meeting on Thursday, 26 October 2000 at 3 p.m. and will begin consideration of agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 84 and the other remaining items (agenda items 85, 86 and 87) are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-0388), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing on globalization and appropriate governance under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Wednesday, 25 October 2000 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The briefing will be given by Professor J. Bhagwati of Columbia University. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations and press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), as follows:

On Wednesday, 25 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance); Mr. Arjun K. Sengupta (Independent expert on the right to development); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq);

On Thursday, 26 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi);

On Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 30 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Horst Koehler, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, on "The Role of the Fund Following the Annual Meetings Held in Prague" on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council, will chair the briefing. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1. p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Panel discussion

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs and their Mandates: Mainstreaming Their Work at the General Assembly" on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the panel will be Mr. Nigel S. Rodley, Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; and Ms. Hina Jilani, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing and dialogue on "Dimensions of the World Bank/United Nations Partnership" with Mr. Mats Karlsson, World Bank Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs, on Thursday, 26 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Reducing the Impact of Environmental Emergencies Through Early Warning and Preparedness - The Case of El Niño Southern Oscillation", organized by the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the United Nations University, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Strategy for Natural Disaster Reduction and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office (tel.: (212) 963-6387) or the UNEP Office (tel.: (212) 963-8094).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on the G-8 Renewable Energy Task Force by the Co-Chairmen of the Task Force, on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing is organized by the Energy and Transport Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

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Workshop

The United Nations University and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing a workshop on "COP6 and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations" as part of their annual series on *Sustainable Development in Practice*. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 20 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tenth emergency special session

14th plenary meeting

Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory: draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.6) [5]

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Cuba and the Russian Federation, by H.E. Mr. Abdul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, and by the representatives of Malaysia, Algeria, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Belarus, Indonesia, Argentina, Yemen, China, Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Qatar, New Zealand, Kuwait, Maldives, Oman, Viet Nam, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Guyana, Colombia, Ecuador, Singapore, Canada, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Namibia, Japan, Iraq, Chile, Brazil, Jordan, Bahrain, Sri Lanka, India, Jamaica, Cyprus, the Syrian Arab Republic, Morocco, the Sudan, Norway, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Comoros and Mauritius.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 10th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/ES-10/L.6.

The Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedures and decided to proceed immediately to consider the draft resolution contained in document A/ES-10/L.6.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 92 votes to 6, with 46 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/ES-10/L.6 (resolution ES-10/7).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, France, the Syrian Arab Republic, Brazil and Norway.

The representative of Israel made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of Belarus made a statement on a point of order.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly thus adjourned its tenth emergency special session in accordance with the terms of paragraph 12 of resolution ES-10/7.

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The representative of Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group) made a general statement pertaining to agenda item 73.

The representative of Norway introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.44.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.1.

The representative of Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR, as well as Bolivia and Chile) made a general statement pertaining to agenda item 73.

The representative of Belize introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.17.

The representative of Uzbekistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.45/Rev.1.

The representative of Nigeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.13.

Statements in the exercise of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Iraq.

Monday, 23 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

The Committee concluded its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The representative of Myanmar introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.41.

The representative of Iraq made a statement in support of draft resolution A/ C.1/55/L.41.

The representative of Burundi introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.12.

The representative of Cameroon made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.12.

The representative of Brazil introduced draft resolution A/ C.1/55/L.19.

The representative of Belarus made a general statement on agenda item 73 (p).

The representative of the Viet Nam (on behalf of ASEAN) made a statement in support of draft resolutions A/ C.1/55/L.41 and A/C.1/55/L.48.

The representative of Australia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.37.

The representative of New Zealand made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.37.

The representative of Japan made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.37.

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.4.

The representative of the United States made a general statement for thematic debate.

The representative of France introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.3/Rev.1.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.29.

The representative of Pakistan made a general statement for thematic debate.

The representative of Guinea made a general statement on agenda item 73 (w).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.29.

The representative of Nepal made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.41.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Egypt.

SECOND COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Sectoral policy questions [93]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

(b) Business and development

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development (UNIDO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, the Russian Federation, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of CARICOM), Kenya, Japan, France (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belarus, Pakistan and China.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items 93 (a) and (b) was set for the following day, 24 October, at 6 p.m.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.9

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Mexico.

THIRD COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.19

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Austria, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [114 (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Deputy to the Director, New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Egypt, Nepal, Peru, Cuba and China.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of work and announced that the Committee would aim to take action on the following draft resolutions: A/C.3/55/L.8/Rev.1, under item 105; A/C.3/55/L.16, under item 107; the Chairperson's draft omnibus resolution, under item 108; A/C.3/55/L.17 and L.18, under item 110; A/C.3/55/L.19, under item 111; A/C.3/55/L.22, L.23 and L.24, under item 113.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [153]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.6 which was coordinated by the representative of Cuba.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Letters dated 17 July and 26 September 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

Other matters

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the Committee decided to grant the request by the President of the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations (CCISUA) to make a statement in the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda items 123 and 124.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement regarding the problem of asbestos at Headquarters.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Chusei Yamada (Japan), introduced Chapters I, II, III and IV of the report of that Commission.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee spoke.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the United Kingdom, China, the United Republic of Tanzania, Germany and Japan.

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
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General comments of the Committee [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the draft general comment on article 4.

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began its consideration of fourth periodic report of Peru (CCPR/C/PER/98/4).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on psychotropic substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Accession: Kenya (18 October 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Cambodia (23 October 2000)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special events

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will host an Open House and Information Fair for delegates and staff of the permanent missions and the Secretariat *today*, 24 October 2000, United Nations Day 2000, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will be demonstrations of the Library's newest product, UNBISnet, an Internet accessible database containing the index to all United Nations documentation issued since 1979. In addition, there will be demonstrations of other electronic resources, such as UN-I-QUE, Lexis-Nexis, the EIU databases, Oxford Analytica, NewsEdge.

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a special event in connection with the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance *today*, 24 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Major participants in this event will be human rights leaders from the United States of America petitioning the High Commissioner, Mr. Saikou Diallo and the Special Rapporteur on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until Tuesday, 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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